

# Meeting minutes, Oct. 10, 2006

## Opening

A meeting of the Utah Upland Game Advisory Committee was held on this date.

## Present:

- Jim Gaskill (Chair)
- Dean Mitchell (DWR Upland Game Program Coordinator)
- Ernie Perkins
- Dan Potts
- Travis Proctor
- Hal Smith
- John Staley
- Newt Gaskill
- Mike Bowers
- Chris Udy
- Kelly Anderson

## Old business

## RAC applications

Ernie Perkins explained the process for applying to be a member of the Regional Advisory Committees and indicated that there will be several vacancies in the coming year. Members of the committee were encouraged to become involved.

## Hogup Guzzler update

The three new guzzlers that were installed on the Hogup mountains have been finished and are now collecting water. Funding is also secured and clearances obtained for fifteen more guzzlers. Work will start next spring.

## Hunt reports.

Committee members reported on their personal hunting successes.

Most indicated that they are seeing fewer birds this year than last, except for sage grouse, which seemed about the same. Significantly fewer chukars were reported.

### **New committee secretary**

Chris Udy was unanimously elected as the new secretary of the committee. We are pleased that he accepted, and look forward to working with him.

### **Wild turkey release**

Dean Mitchell invited committee member to a wild turkey release in the Oquirrh Mtns. On November 16, 2006. The National Wild Turkey Federation and UDWR are sponsoring the event. Several dignitaries are expected to attend.

### **Future meeting schedule**

The meeting schedule for 2007 was tentatively set. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of January, April, May, July, September and November. A list of potential speakers was discussed.

### **New business**

#### **2006 Youth chukar hunt**

The youth chukar hunts appeared to have been very successful. Some minor suggestions were made to improve next year's Program.

#### **Youth hunt drawing procedures.**

A discussion of the selection procedures for the youth hunts was held. Dean Mitchell indicated that several of the chukar hunts were under subscribed, while the Hennifer-Echo hunt was very popular. It was suggested that a policy be implemented to assure that first-time applicants get priority in future hunts.

#### **Youth pheasant hunts.**

Planning for the youth pheasants hunts is progressing. Additional volunteers are still needed. Please contact Dean Mitchell if you are available to help.

### **Agenda for next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.

at the DWR State offices at 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City.

Topics will be:

- Chukar guzzler study update –Randy Larsen
- Youth hunt drawing procedures.
- Species management plans
- SITLA changes
- 2007 Legislative issues

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings; it's an opportunity for you to get any issues you know about onto the table.

Let us know of donations, projects, etc., made by your group we want to publicize good activities!

If you know of other interested parties who should get copies of the minutes, and who are involved in upland game organizations or programs, please get us their name. If you want to make an electronic mail input, please send it to one of the following:

- Dean Mitchell, [DeanMitchell@utah.gov](mailto:DeanMitchell@utah.gov)
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Respectfully submitted

**Jim Gaskill**

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